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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated August 20, 2002 kindly reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks:

Remarks:

Claims 1-12 remain in the application.

In item 1 on page 2 of the Office action, claims 1-6 and 11-12

have been rejected as being anticipated by Redd, dr. et_al.

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